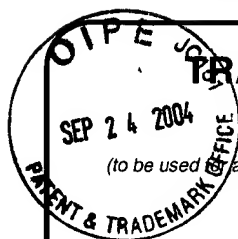


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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT DETERMINATION**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the patent term adjustment determination for this case be reconsidered, as is permitted by 37 C.F.R. 1.705.

The Notice of Allowance for this case, mailed on May 4, 2004, indicates that the patent term adjustment is 371 days. The Issue Notification for this case indicates that the patent term adjustment is only 328 days.

To determine the reason for the 43 day reduction, Applicants' representative telephoned the Office of Patent Legal Administration. The Office of Patent Legal Administration indicated that the patent term adjustment period was reduced by 43 days

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because a "Workflow - Drawings Finished" was received by the PTO on August 17, 2004. Nevertheless, as confirmed by a check in the PALM system by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's representative, **no** drawings were either filed or received by the USPTO in this application at that date. Formal and complete drawings were filed with the original application. The USPTO's representative indicated that this entry, most likely, was a clerical error.

A check in the amount of \$200.00 is enclosed for the fee for this request, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e). Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

Because the reduction in PTA appears to have been a clerical error in the part of the USPTO it is requested that the fee paid with this request be **credited** to the Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

If there are any questions regarding this request, please contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: Sept. 27, 2004

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